

# New Hampshire Council on Resources and Development

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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** CORD Members and Other Interested Parties Michael Cryans, Chairman  
Grafton County Board of Commissioners  
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Ronald Taksar, Chairman  
Franconia Board of Selectmen  
PO Box 900  
421 Main Street  
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Deanna Huot, Chair  
Lincoln Board of Selectmen  
148 Main Street  
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**FROM:** Peter S. Helm, Principal Planner

**DATE:** June 27, 2006

**SUBJECT:** *State Owned Land, Surplus Land Review, Towns of Franconia and Lincoln  
SLR 06-009*

**RESPONSE DATE:** July 27, 2006

Please review the attached information to determine if your agency has any interest in this transaction. If there is an interest, please notify this office of your intent in writing by the response date indicated above. The Council on Resources and Development will consider the request at its next meeting. If the comment period has not closed, any actions will be subject to completion of the comment period with no adverse comments received.

The Department of Cultural Resources is asked to review this request in accordance with RSA 227-C:9.

Members of the Public Water Access Advisory Board are asked to review this request in accordance with RSA 233-A.

The Lakes Management and Protection Program, through the Lakes Coordinator, is asked to review this request in accordance with RSA 483-A:5, II.

The Rivers Management and Protection Program, through the Rivers Coordinator, is asked to review this request in accordance with RSA 483:8, VI and 14.

# STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

## INTER-DEPARTMENT COMMUNICATION

**FROM:** George M. Bald  
Commissioner  
Dept. of Resources & Economic  
Development

**DATE:** June 23, 2006

**SUBJECT:** Proposed Land Exchange with the United States Forest Service

**TO:** Amy Ignatius, Chairman  
Council on Resources and Development

### REQUESTED ACTION:

Pursuant to RSA 4:40, and RSA 216-A:3, authorization is respectfully requested for the Department of Resources and Economic Development (DRED) to surplus Second Presidential State Forest in exchange for land owned by the United States Forest Service. Both properties abut Franconia Notch State Park and are located in the towns of Lincoln and Franconia respectively.

### EXPLANATION:

In 2003 the Department of Transportation transferred jurisdiction of approximately 1,162 acres of land situated in Lincoln, NH, known as the Second Presidential Tract, to DRED. The parcel, located on the west side of the highway, was purchased by the State of NH-DOT in 1983 as part of the construction of Interstate 93. The land, which abuts USFS land on two sides, is heavily forested and maintains a series of recreational trails in and around the scenic Harvard Brook and Georgiana Falls. The transfer from the Department of Transportation was subject to a number of conditions set forth in a Memorandum of Understanding between the two State Agencies. These conditions would be passed along with the property to the USFS.

In return the State would receive a portion of USFS land which abuts the Northern end of Franconia Notch State Park. The land transfer would provide DRED the opportunity to link Cannon Mountain Ski Area to other lands that DRED acquired in 1990 which included the now dormant Mittersill Ski Area. As outlined in the overview of proposed improvements cited in the 1998 Cannon Mountain Master Plan, acquiring this land would provide the State of NH the opportunity for terrain improvement, expansion and the possibility of re-opening the Mittersill Ski Area.

Please screen this request through the New Hampshire Council on Resources and Development. If you should have any questions, please contact Bill Carpenter at 271-2214.

Thank you.

**Council on Resources and Development**

**REQUEST FOR SURPLUS LAND REVIEW ACTION**

**Name of Agency Requesting Action:** Department of  
Resources and Economic  
Development

**Location of Property:**  
Franconia Notch State Park,  
Franconia, NH

**Acreage:** 1,162-acre state reservation

**Tax Map/Lot #:** unknown

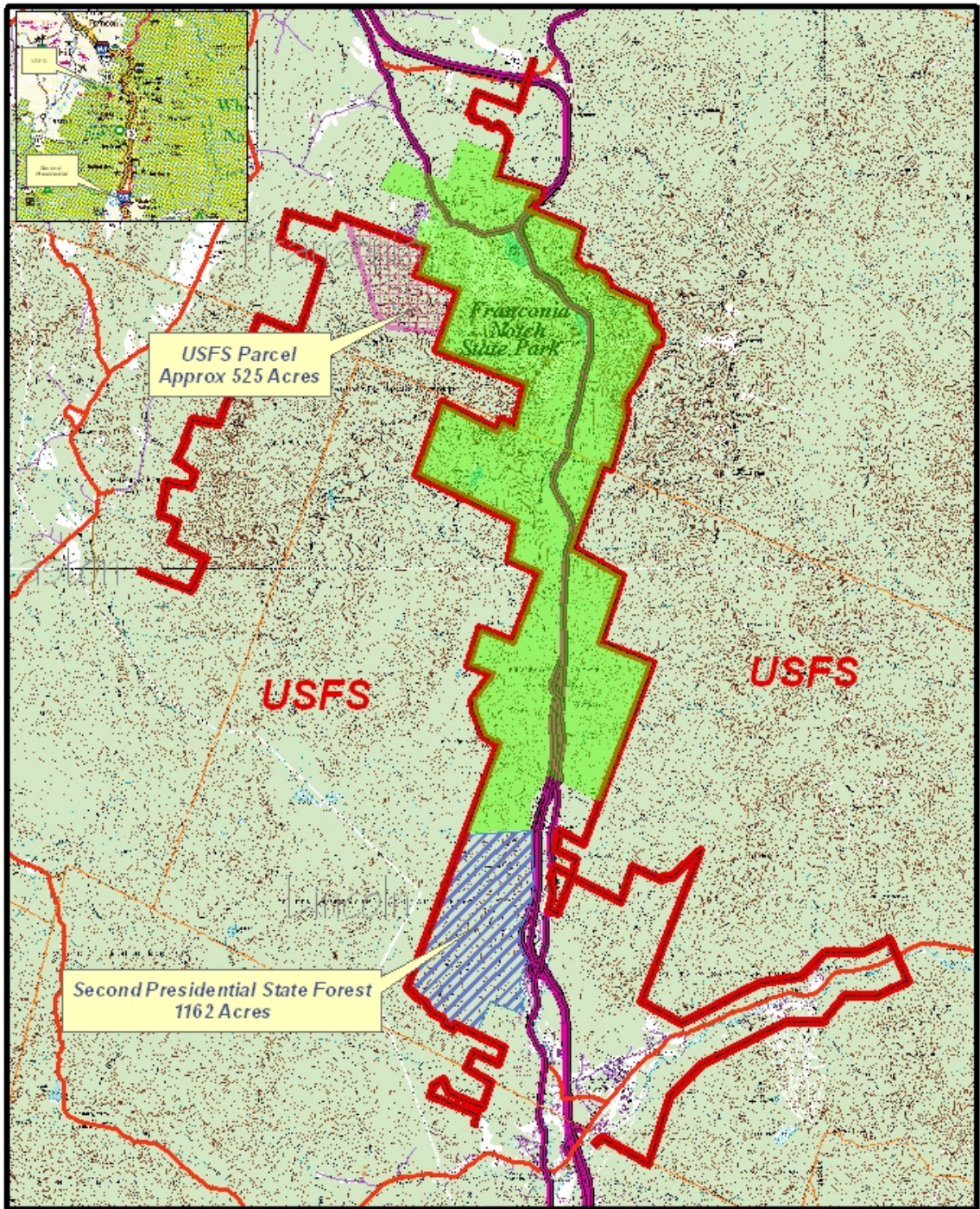
**Requested Action:** Proposed land Exchange in Franconia Notch-DRED/USFS

**Agency Contact Person:** Bill Carpenter @ 271-2214 #318

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Please provide the following information, if known, about the property. Attach map(s) showing the location of the property.

- 1. What is the current use for this property?** : State Park/Ski Area/Campground
- 2. What is the proposed use of this property?:** No change
- 3. Are there any structures located on this property? If so, how many and what kind?** : Yes. There are a significant number of buildings located throughout the State Park.
- 4. Are there any water resources related to this property? If so, please indicate the size or extent of such resources.** : Yes.: Harvard Brook, Georgiana Falls and other brooks associated to the Pemigewasset drainage basin.
- 5. Please list any other significant resources known to be located on this property.**  
Ski Areas/Numerous Hiking Trails/ Campground/Flume etc.
- 6. Was this property purchased with federal highway funds?** Yes X No
- 7. Is access to this property available?** Yes X No
- 8. Request has been cleared for Historic Resources?** Yes    No X



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Proposed Land Exchange  
State of NH-DRED-US Forest Service  
Lincoln/Franconia, New Hampshire



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